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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer and AMEND claims 1 and 28 in accordance with the following:

1. **(currently amended)** A database updating apparatus comprising:
a computer network;
a server which provides database-related information through the computer network; and
a user computer which accesses the server through the computer network and retrieves the database-related information, wherein:

the user computer comprises an optical disc recording/reproducing apparatus which records data in or reproduces data from an optical disc, in which a database and a date and time of a last update of the database are recorded, and which is programmed to transmit the date and time of the last update to the server and to record modified/updated data, which is transmitted from the server, on the optical disc; and

the server is programmed to determine if modification/update of the database recorded on the optical disc is needed based on the transmitted date and time, and to transmit the modified/updated data to the optical disc recording/reproducing apparatus, wherein:

first data of the data base is recorded in a read only region of the optical disc prior to a first access of the server by the user computer and the modified/updated data transmitted by the server is recorded in a recordable region of the optical disc.

2. **(cancelled)**

3. **(original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the server transmits a purchase order, which is received from the user computer, to the user computer and the optical disc recording/reproducing apparatus records the purchase order on the optical disc.